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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY,
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¶11. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for June 26, 2003. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

¶12. Evrensel, / Government officials charged a 14 year old boy from Hakkari for writing "Biji Serok Apo ("Long Live Apo") on the snow. The security forces first questioned 4 children and kept them at the police station overnight. The 14 year old was found responsible for the action. His case will be ruled in Diyarbakir State Security Court.

¶13. Turkiye, / During operations in Siirt, security forces killed two PKK/KADEK terrorists. Security forces continue their operations in the area.

ECONOMIC

¶14. Hurriyet, / The chief of the Incirlik Shop Keepers Association discussed shopkeepers' pleasure about the new role of Incirlik. "During the Iraq war we had some trouble, but now the news of Incirlik base to be used for humanitarian aid for Iraqis made us all very happy", he said.

¶15. Turkiye, / Batman announced year 2003 as "Water Year" and appropriated 2,5 trillion TL to solve the water problem in the villages. Water pipelines will soon be installed in villages.

HOLTZ